

RECIPIENT SELECTION OF INFORMATION TO BE SUBSEQUENTLY DELIVERED

ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

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Users may record abstracts of information that they desire and information providers may access the recorded information abstracts from time to time so as to provide the information content that matches the requested information. In one embodiment, the user may select a TV program (or movie) that is not currently available and then at a time subsequent thereto that program is made available to the user, either privately, or over the public network. In another embodiment, users of the Internet may record information requests. Information providers may then access these requests from time to time and provide the requested information, even if the information had not been available at the time the request was initially posted. Prior to delivery of the information content the parties, if desired, may negotiate when and how delivery will occur, how much information will be provided, the cost of the information and the responsibilities of each of the parties pertaining to that information. The information abstract may be stored local to the user or at one or more central sites.

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